

BOOTH ON THE FIRING LINE

Commander. Pauses in Hasty Tour of Post in the Middle West.

WORK OF THE VOLUNTEERS IS DESCRIBED

During its Four Years' Existence the Organization Has Grown to Large Proportions—Anecdotes of General Booth.

General Ballington Booth, truthfully describing himself as a "six feet four inch straight as an arrow," spent Sunday as the guest of the Volunteers of America. The commander of the Volunteer Army is a thin-framed man, intense of eye and nervous of hand. His face is bronzed from constant exposure, but he is apparently in the best of health. He is accompanied by Brigadier General Fielding, a man of simple manners and striking physical proportions.

General Booth was compelled to disappoint the congregation of the Hanson Park Methodist church, where he had been scheduled to speak in the morning. General Fielding explained that the local officers were in promising the commander's presence at three meetings, because his physicians had forbidden more than two daily appearances. General Booth, however, remained in his bed at the Paxton hotel until 2 p. m. He is said to suffer from periodic attacks of a nervous affection.

At the close of the afternoon service General Booth entertained his friends vivaciously in the study of the Kountze Memorial church. To a newcomer who had not been presented General Booth remarked keenly: "You belong to that class for whom nothing is so high that you cannot see it in the light, and you are one of those indomitable, irrepressible reporters." In reply to an inquiry as to his route of march, the general said:

General Booth on Wheels.

"We left New York on Wednesday," said General Booth, "and reached Chicago on Thursday night. Friday we spoke in the Congregational church at Galesburg, Ill., and last night we were entertained in the crowded opera house at Ottumwa. We will spend about ten days at Lincoln and several more at Sioux City. On the return our first stop will be at Grand Rapids. The tour is simply for the purpose of inspecting the various posts throughout the middle west, and on this occasion will not extend further than Omaha. We have been virtually living on wheels and will have little chance for rest until we again reach New York."

As to the work being accomplished by the Volunteers, General Booth spoke with enthusiasm. The army has grown during its four years of existence into a potent philanthropic and reforming agency, although born in the midst of a political agitation and reared during the absorption of a national war.

"For a time the organization was taxed to its utmost resources to maintain its existence," remarked the general, "but during the last year it has developed notably. A home has been secured at Newark, N. J., for young women leaving prison; another large hotel for poor men has been opened in Chicago, furnished for no remuneration; a new wing has been added to Joliet, while a magnificent home in ten acres of ground has been purchased on Long Island for discharged prisoners. Then, in addition to the many thousands fed on holiday occasions, many among the homeless are housed and helped. During the year over 1,500,000 persons were present at our Sunday and week night services in our volunteer halls, and reports show that 2,611,647 others were attracted to our open air meetings."

Volunteer Mass Meeting.

General Booth addressed a mass meeting at 3:30 Sunday afternoon in Kountze Memorial church. In spite of the heat of the day and the unfavorable hour the church was well filled. It is estimated that 1,200 persons were present, attracted by the striking personality of the speaker. Occupying the pulpit beside him were Brigadier General Fielding, in command of the Volunteer forces of Chicago and the northwest; Major H. C. Gillett, battalion officer of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, accompanied by his wife; Aid de Camp Preston and wife of the tent brigade, from Creighton, Neb.; Captain and Mrs. McLaughlin, in charge of the Omaha work, and Rev. E. F. Trefz, pastor of Kountze Memorial church.

The church was not specially decorated for the occasion, but in compliment to the speaker and the cause he represents a magnificent specimen of Old Glory hung in graceful folds just behind the pulpit.

Ballington Booth bears himself with a dignity that is more military than ecclesiastic, but there is in his voice and manner a sympathetic undertone that betrays the sternness of his bearing and wins the confidence of his audience. In point of looks he is almost as commanding as his father, the senior Ballington, though lacking the advantage of a patriarchal beard. His style of address is simple. He uses few gestures. There is no evidence of an attempt at flowery speech or tricks of rhetoric. He is as unostentatious as the "lassie" who sings and prays in the streets.

Work of the Army.

The general's address was devoted to the work which the Volunteers are doing in America. His remarks were prolific in illustration and incident, all of which were effective.

He told a story of a man who fell through a hole in the ice and was about to drown, when a rescue party came and shoved a plank out to him.

"Almost exhausted," said the speaker, "he clutched frantically at the plank, but could not retain his hold. Finally he gasped: 'Give me the other end of the board!' The rescue party reversed the plank, the drowning man seized it and was dragged safely to the solid ice. It was then that the life-savers noticed for the first time that the end they had first placed within his reach was coated with ice."

"That is the trouble with too many of our religious organizations today. They thrust the icy end of the plank out to the sinking sinner and invite him to embrace it. The Volunteers of America seek to correct this evil; they try to invest religion with its true ring—with the hearty, candid, honest qualities that cheer the soul and satisfy the heart."

Smile of the Spartans.

"A man, hearing of the military prowess of the Spartans, went to see the famous walls of Sparta. A Spartan general conducted him to an open field and pointed out a line of troops, drawn up in battle array, every man in a different attitude, standing with a united purpose and common end."

"There," said the general, "is the famous wall of Sparta, and every man to it is a brick!"

"This, too, is true of the Volunteers of America. Every individual is a spiritual brick in the divine wall of Jerusalem."

After the address General Booth played a selection upon the concertina, or, as he calls it, the Graeco-German harp, being an accordion of octagon shape.

Work Among Felons.

General Booth was greeted at the Congregational church in the evening by a congregation that taxed the capacity of the church. The different branches of the religious effort entered into by the organization under his command were hastily outlined and an earnest appeal was made for the co-operation of the Christians who have hitherto confined their labors to work

among people in such surroundings that they are attracted to fashionable churches.

"When one stops to think that more than half of the common laborers of America have never in any way identified themselves with any religious organization; when the great annual expenditures for courts and penal institutions are considered; when judges make the statement that nine-tenths of all criminals have been brought to it through liquor, is it not apparent that there is a great work for the Volunteers?" General Booth asked.

A new movement has been inaugurated by General Booth and his wife which is confined to penal institutions. Personal appeal is made to prisoners and all men expressing a desire to lead better lives are enrolled among the members of the Volunteers' Prisoners' League. By this means more than 7,200 convicts have been reformed and 19,000 prisoners have been brought into correspondence with the officers of the Volunteers of America. This work is carried on chiefly by Mrs. Ballington Booth, who has received the hearty co-operation of the officers of penal institutions.

"Mrs. Booth has had many unusual experiences in her work among prisoners," said General Booth. "It is strange what little things appeal to these unfortunate men and women and bring light into their lives. On one occasion Mrs. Booth had our little daughter sing a hymn to 2,000 convicts. Without any further ceremony she asked that all the men who were willing to lead a better life should rise. Seventy men responded to the appeal. Among them was a man who had violated every rule of the institution and was considered the most hardened criminal in the prison. The other convicts laughed when they saw this man standing and the officers supported that he had risen in jest. But he was sincere and is now an exemplary prisoner. The little song had worked a change in the man's whole life."

PERFECTION MEANS CLEAN HEART.

Brigadier General Fielding Gives Essentials of a Holy Life.

In the absence of General Booth the morning service at the Hanson Park Methodist church was conducted by Brigadier General Fielding, himself a member of that denomination. General Fielding had in his manner nothing of the visionary or extremist and described the work of the Volunteers simply and moderately. "Perfection in religion does not mean that we should all wear a uniform or beat a drum," said the general, "but only that we should do our part faithfully, sincerely and with a clean heart. There is no practical godliness in the creed of the enthusiast in a linen duster bearing a bible under his arm."

General Fielding's discourse was from the passage in Mark, "Be ye perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." The speaker gave a practical view of the attainment of perfection. "Big feelings are no evidence of perfection," said General Fielding, "for those who are moved at times by great emotions find them of no avail when difficulties come. Neither does a state of perfection imply that there shall be no more temptations, for such a condition is not meant to prevent spiritual death. Perfection simply means a heart cleansed from sin; it means that we will never again intentionally or deliberately walk in sin. We can only exert spiritual power when we have a cleansed, consecrated heart; the need of the world today is for such men and women who will speak and act the religion of Jesus Christ."

WORLD STANDS IN NEED OF MEN.

Premium Laid on True Worth in All Lines of Activity.

At the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning Rev. M. W. Chase took as his theme, "Wanted—A Man," his text being Jeremiah, v. 1.

Illustrating his theme by reference to the republican convention at Philadelphia last week and the coming democratic convention at Kansas City, he continued: "Disregarding once went through the streets of Athens carrying a lamp, and when asked what he wanted he replied, 'I am looking for a man; children have I found in Sparta and women in Athens, but a man I have never seen.' 'All documents of life are wanted men—real men, men of integrity. The medical profession needs not more skill, but more uprightness. Congress does not require more ability so much as more character; the pulpit is not so much in need of ability as of men who will not bring reproach upon the church. There is a premium for manhood and real worth. Pick up a newspaper and you will find columns of situations wanted' and other columns of 'help wanted.' I have often wondered the two classes did not meet, but when I investigated I found that the drones were hunting situations and men were in demand."

"The world wants independent men. Like sheep who go in droves, men are liable to be stampeded either for wrong or for right. The man who is wanted today for men and deeds, must be positive, not obstinate. There are wanted honest men—honest with the goods and the reputation of others—progressive men—men who know that the world moves. We must go higher with God's grace and our own endeavor. Real manhood is not merely negative morality. No church was ever built upon the gospel of 'Thou shalt not.'"

"I have seen but one picture of Christ which suited me. The others are too weak and insipid. In my mind His countenance should portray in the strongest manner intellect and physical virtues as well as those moral and spiritual. It is very well to overcome evil with good, but sometimes the best plan is to overcome it with a good thrashing, well administered. Jesus was no coward. His denunciation of sin in the face of the sinners proves that."

"The world is calling for men who can grasp its opportunities. Men who will join in the chorus of enterprise and land the ark of the country's good upon some safe Ararat. It wants heroes and heaven wants souls—fresh souls. Strive to be a hero."

APPEAL FOR THE RESCUE.

Mrs. Edholm Outlines Work Carried On Among Fallen Women.

At the First Methodist Episcopal church last night Mrs. Charlotte Edholm addressed the congregation on the subject of the rescue of women in houses of ill-repute. Mrs. Edholm is a former resident of Omaha and was greeted by a large number of people. She is deeply interested in the work and her story of the nefarious traffic in girls by procurers of Chicago and other cities appealed to the sympathies of her hearers so that when a collection was taken for funds to continue the work a substantial sum was realized.

Briefly Mrs. Edholm made a prohibition speech, claiming that when the prohibitory law was passed in Kansas practically all of the houses of ill-repute voluntarily left the state. She appealed to the voters to see that the law of Nebraska placing police court fines and saloon license money in the school fund was repealed and called upon them to vote for the prohibition of the sale of liquor, opium and cigarettes, which she claimed were responsible for the presence of the immoral houses.

She asked the support of her hearers for the new rescue home, which is being established at Tenth and Dodge streets. Her remarks included stories of rescued women and those who had been kept from sin through the efforts of the social purity branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

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SOUTHERN EDITORS ON A TOUR

Large Party of Newspaper Men Spend Sunday in the City.

SEVENTY-SIX GUESTS SHOWN OVER OMAHA

Delegation from Commercial Club Arranges an Informal Entertainment—Many Women Are in the Party.

The Mississippi Press association excursion arrived in Omaha a little after 8 o'clock over the Illinois Central Sunday and put in the greater portion of the day here, the rendezvous being fixed at the Her Grand. There were seventy-six in the party, a majority of them being women. During the morning most of the visitors took advantage of the stopover to visit leading Omaha churches.

Owing to the brief announcement of their coming, some confusion as to the time of their arrival and the fact that it was Sunday, no formal program of courtesies had been prepared, but at 2 p. m. Secretary Utt and F. E. Sanborn of the Commercial club, with some of the local newspaper men, escorted the entire party in a trolley ride over the Hanson park line and out to the terminus of the Walnut Hill line. The guests were then returned to the hotel and after dinner, served at 2:30, they left over the Union Pacific for the west. Their itinerary includes visits to Ogden, Salt Lake, Denver and the mountain resorts and they will return home through the south. A portion of the party, however, may go on to the coast.

The head of the party was Colonel R. H. Henry, editor and publisher of the Clarion-Ledger at Jackson, Miss., who was accompanied by his three daughters. He is the retiring president of the National Editorial association, and J. H. Duke of the Scooba Herald a member of the executive committee of that organization. William Ward of the Starville Times, president of the Mississippi Press association, was also a member of the party. Among the other distinguished members was J. R. Stowers, state treasurer of Mississippi, who is publisher of the Oxford Eagle, and Misses Annabel and Emma Power, daughters of the secretary of state. Their father was editor of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger before he was elected to his present office.

Of the forty-eight women in the party, twenty-nine were unmarried, and these seemed to be bent on getting all of the enjoyment possible out of their outing. Except the few members who had visited Omaha during the Transmississippi Exposition, all were very much surprised at the magnitude and commercial importance of the city as shown in its industries, public and private buildings, miles of pavement, street railway facilities and the evidences of an active population everywhere manifest even on the Sabbath. The itinerary as originally prepared had provided for a stop of only thirty-five minutes in Omaha, and all were gratified that they had succeeded in affecting a change that left them the greater part of the day in the Gate city.

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